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WHOLE NO. 707



THE WILL TO WIN is plainly visible in the smiling faces of these striking Western Union workers as they picket the main office of the telegraph company in Washington, D. C. Through rain or

shine, 'round-the-clock picketing goes on in the union's fight for a 16 cents hourly wage increase and a reduction in the work week from 48 to 40 hours without loss in pay.

Western Union Strikers Get 100 Percent Support from AFL

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor called upon all State Federations and Central Labor Councils in 822 cities to back up the strike of 31,000 Western Union workers "to the limit."

Mr. Green pledged the full support of the AFL to the striking members of the Commercial Telegraphers Union in their effort to win wage adjustments and better working conditions.

"This is more than a routine case of helping an affiliated organization in time of need," Mr. Green declared. "It is an important test of the basic principles of collective bargaining."

REFUSES TO NEGOTIATE

"The union has offered to sit

down and negotiate a settlement. The Western Union management adamantly refuses to negotiate. It refuses to offer a penny to its employees, despite the fact that they have lagged behind other workers in cost-of-living wage adjustments and in working standards.

"The company insists that it cannot afford to increase labor costs unless it receives a rate increase from the government. At the same time, it says a rate increase would place it in a disadvantageous competitive position."

"Thus, the Western Union Co. cuts off any ray of hope for its workers. It says 'No' with an air of complete finality. It refuses even to discuss a possible compromise."

DECLARATION OF WAR

"In my opinion, that is not collective bargaining. It is equivalent to a company declaration of war against the union representing its employees."

"In such a situation, it is up to the entire labor movement to fight back to the limit. The American

Federation of Labor is going to give its full support to the members of the Commercial Telegraphers Union in this struggle. I am calling upon all local and state bodies to back up their fight with equal determination and cooperation."

"If we stand together, resolute and fully united, it won't be long before the management will be forced to come to its senses and agree to negotiate a reasonable and fair settlement of this dispute."

ED HAZELTON NAMED AGENT OF LOCAL 483

Edward A. Hazelton, vice president of Monterey Peninsula Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483, has been appointed as assistant business agent of the union, Secretary-Manager Royal E. Hallmark announced last week.

Hazelton, formerly a bartender at the Navy line school, was appointed to the post by the union's executive board and the appointment was approved by the membership at the last meeting.

Prominently known in Monterey, Hazelton has a long record as a labor unionist, including membership at one time in the Steelworkers Union.

Some Tuna Packed

Tuna, shipped to Monterey by truck, kept members of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union busy for three days last week at the Peninsula Packing Co. plant, officials said. Local boats were reported finding some squid for the retail market, lending hope that some squid pack will be possible during the summer.

CANADIAN SAILORS

Montreal (LPA)—The Seafarers International Union has voted a \$25,000 loan to the SIU Canadian District to help pay for the new district headquarters here.

Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Contract Negotiations Gain; May Finish Thursday Night

Negotiators for the Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 and the Monterey Peninsula Restaurant Owners Assn. have agreed on about 60 per cent of the content of a new contract and will meet again on Thursday afternoon in an effort to conclude the agreement by that night.

Secy.-Mgr. Royal E. Hallmark of Local 483 praised the employers for their apparent willingness to negotiate and declared that the "employers seem as anxious as the union to get the contract completed."

"Both the union and the employers are cognizant that the restaurant industry is a vital part of the Monterey Peninsula now that the tourist industry is the number one industry," Hallmark said.

"And both parties have taken cognizance of the need for a good contract, completed at an early date," he added.

Hallmark said it was expected that the negotiators would sit at the table on Thursday until the agreement is completed.

Last Thursday's negotiation session continued from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. and many of the important points in the contract were agreed upon. Details of agreements were not reported, Hallmark explaining that the full contract would be discussed publicly after completion.

A dispute between Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 and "The Nest," also known as the "Little El Nido," last week was resolved to the mutual satisfaction of both parties, Union Secy. Royal E. Hallmark announced. The house, on Del Monte Ave. near Alvarado St., is again worthy of patronage of all union members, the union official said.

P.G. Sales Tax On June Ballot

City councilmen at Pacific Grove have agreed to place the question of repeal of the one-half cent city sales tax on the June 3 state primary election ballot so that voters in the City of Pacific Grove may decide whether or not to retain the tax.

Royal E. Hallmark, secretary of a Citizens Committee for Repeal of the Sales Tax, and James Dunn, committee chairman, commended city council for their action. Hallmark is secretary of the Monterey Peninsula Labor Council and also secretary-manager of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483.

Opponents to the sales tax measure secured 781 names to petitions designed to force the election, but the petitions were ruled invalid because of technicalities. When Hallmark and Dunn appealed to the council to put the measure on the ballot as a service to those who signed the petitions.

GEO. RICE HERE IN WSB MATTER

George L. Rice, former secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey and now an agricultural wage analyst for the Wage Stabilization Board, was in Monterey County last week to meet with farm operators and explain the new cost-of-living wage policy of the WSB as it applies to farm workers.

Rice spent some time in the Monterey area renewing old acquaintances and visiting union friends.

WAITRESS PAY HEARING TUES.

Hearing on charges brought by Monterey Culinary - Bartenders Union 483 that 29 restaurants in the Monterey area have not complied with contract provisions which provide bus boy scale to be paid waitresses who carry their own dirty dishes to the kitchen will be held Tuesday.

State Deputy Labor Commissioner William J. Walls and members of his staff will conduct the hearing in Few Memorial Hall. Union officials and members will give their position while employer representatives will explain the refusal of restaurant operators to pay the higher rate, it was reported.

Municipal Courts to Replace City, Police Courts in January

Under the state constitutional amendment adopted in 1949, the vast number of varied local courts will be consolidated and replaced by municipal courts, effective Jan. 1st of next year.

Now in the running for election to these new courts are many of the former city and police judges, as well as many attorneys. The former think they are best qualified because of past experience. The latter think they are best qualified because of their knowledge of law. There are points on both sides.

At any rate, the consolidation is a much-needed improvement. There have been as many as eight different kinds of courts numbering 768 throughout the state, with many conflicts in jurisdiction. The new municipal courts will have broader and better-defined jurisdictions.

The 1949 amendment also provided that non-lawyer incumbents may seek election to the new municipal courts. If, however, a non-lawyer incumbent is defeated, then he and all other non-lawyers are barred forever from a municipal judgeship in the district.

Lawyer proponents say these jobs should be held by law-trained men, whereas the present justices and judges maintain that their long experience is just as valuable as law training.

MONTEREY BUS DRIVERS STRIKE

Bus drivers of the Bay Rapid Transit Co., which serves the Monterey Peninsula, went on strike Tuesday morning of last week as result of a contract dispute. The strike was still in effect last weekend, with no meetings scheduled between officials of the Amalgamated Bus Drivers Union of Monterey and company officials.

Sixteen drivers were involved in the strike and some 6,000 commuters, including many unionists, were forced to look elsewhere for transportation.

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Don't Cross Picket Lines!

There are times when irresponsible groups set up picket lines, and our AFL unions, after thorough investigation, decide the line is to be ignored. But unless your union so notifies you, respect all picket lines!

"Only fools and labor haters cross a picket line," someone once wisely remarked. No man or woman with an ounce of conscience or respectability will cross an accredited picket line. Those who do so, without thinking, automatically put themselves into the class of those unfortunate individuals who carry malice and hatred for their fellow man and his rights.

This type of people break elementary laws just as the sneak thief, only they are brazen enough to advertise it.

Don't put yourself into this contemptible class by crossing a picket line!

The big corporations apparently have dedicated this year as the one in which to smash labor. They love to see the ignorance of a strike-breaker or picket-line-crosser, because it is such ignorance that keeps wages down and unions weak. But they themselves have nothing but contempt for those who show such ignorance.

A picket line presents us with an opportunity to demonstrate that we have learned this kindergarten fact: we may have little in property and wealth but we have great loyalty to the rights of our fellow workers—this has given us strength that no politician or millionaire can take away except by dividing and weakening us.

Millions of us in America have learned the first lessons of unity and unionism. Let's make sure that our wives, relatives, and friends know this fundamental fact of life which gets its first big test as we walk past a picket line—right on past, with a wave and a smile for the pickets.

Fake Lobby Fights Labor

An outfit calling itself the National Small Business Men's Association wants the open shop and the "millionaires' amendment" limiting taxes to 25 per cent of income.

It recommends that Congress make trade unions subject to the anti-trust laws and that it repeal the withholding tax on incomes and social security payments.

It opposes federal aid to education, compulsory health insurance, social security for the unemployed, and taxation of corporation dividends.

In the last 3 years, according to reports it filed with the Clerk of the House, this organization spent \$467,000 for lobbying activities.

Does it really represent "small businessmen"?

Two years ago, the House Small Business Committee issued a report on the association and the Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc., which was founded by the same man and has the same president. The report stated:

"1. Do these organizations claim to represent small business? The answer is 'Yes.'

"2. Is the claim false or misleading? The answer is 'Yes.'"

The report stated further, "A large part, if not the larger part, of the association's program has related to the demand for restrictions on labor unions. Very little has related to distinctively small business matters."

'Risk Capital' Myth

One of the loudest complaints big businessmen make is that high taxes are drying up so-called "risk capital." If taxes on large incomes were only cut, they argue, well-to-do persons would regain the incentive to invest their money in manufacturing and other enterprises.

The Securities and Exchange Commission reported recently that in 1951 corporations sold \$7.8 billion of stocks and bonds. That is \$1 billion more than was sold in 1950 and equaled the all-time high set in 1929.

Pocketbook Hit Again

The General Electric Co. recently asked retailers to increase their prices on GE products. A week later, the Westinghouse Electric Corp. asked dealers to raise their prices on such things as food mixers, roasters, sandwich grills, toasters, and irons.

Did someone say price controls, with the Capehart amendment guaranteeing high prices, don't need revision to make them more effective?



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone Cypress 2-2480.

More than ever before, Social program. On the many important changes made in the law by Congress in 1950, four of these changes have special bearing on the family features of Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance.

Wives of insured workers may now draw Social Security payments regardless of their age if they have at least one of the worker's minor children in their care. Before the 1950 amendments, wives could receive payments only if they were 65 years old or over.

The men got a break through the amendments which was not there before. Dependable husbands and dependent widowers are eligible for benefits based on their working wives' wages in many instances.

Heretofore, children could not draw payments on their mothers' earnings under Social Security if their fathers were living with or supporting them. This is no longer true. A child whose mother was working regularly during the few years just before her death is now eligible to receive payments based on its mother's work.

The fourth change made by Congress which affects Social Security as a family insurance was to greatly increase the benefits payable to dependent parents. This step makes the payments a more substantial item in the income of the parents, thereby permitting Social Security to be a greater bulwark against economic insecurity.

All Union Social Security Committees in this area are invited to get in touch with the Social Security Administration Field Office at the above address for information regarding benefits.

'THE CARPENTER' URGES LABOR TO ELECT FRIENDS

"Conditions once more demand a mighty reawakening of political action on the part of organized labor," The Carpenter, monthly journal of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, declared in its April issue.

"In three elections in a row," it said, "organized labor allowed candidates representing the vested interests to win by default. The result has been passage of the union-shackling Taft-Hartley law, disproportionate sacrifice for the common people, inflation largely brought on by profiteering, and many other ills that plague the wage earner today."

The Carpenter said the cure is simple: "Election of progressive and fair-minded men not only to Congress but to all state legislatures as well."

All that is required said the journal, is a little effort on the part of every trade unionist.

"It seems fantastic," The Carpenter continued, "but many a union member who will willingly walk a picket line for weeks to redress a wrong, by the same token will not take necessary time to register and vote regardless of how seriously his welfare is threatened by reactionary legislation."

"Labor has stayed away from the polls in droves, and unfriendly candidates have waltzed into office. The price working people have paid since is mighty high—tax loopholes for the wealthy, higher taxes for the wage earner; rigid controls on wages and elastic controls on prices; sacrifice for the common people, profits as usual for business."

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56 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS FAILED TO CAST BALLOT IN '50

More than 56 million persons eligible to vote did not cast their ballots in 1950, the Census Bureau reported.

In the U. S. that year, 96,833,000 persons were of voting age. Of these 73 per cent registered. That means that 27,268,000 did not even bother to register.

Of those who registered, only 58 per cent or 40,430,000 actually voted, according to the bureau.

The Census Bureau figures for 1948, a Presidential year, show that not many more voted then.

TOTAL LOW IN '48

The number of persons over 21 in 1948 was 93,704,000. Of these, only 71 per cent, or 66,812,000, registered. Those who went to the polls were 73 per cent of those registered or 48,834,000.

Thus, even in a Presidential year, almost 45 million people failed to vote.

Officials of Labor's League for Political Education point out that the number who failed to vote was so great in each election year that they could have changed election results.

LLPE officials say that the number of persons voting is even on a downward trend. According to the Census Bureau:

In 1940, 59 per cent of adults voted.

In 1944, 54 per cent.

In 1948, 52 per cent.

Figures furnished by the Republican National Committee show the seven poll-tax states ranked in 1950 among the lowest eight in registered voters.

Virginia was lowest with 33 per cent. Texas had 35 per cent, Alabama 40, Arkansas 47, South Carolina 48.

KANSAS LEADS LIST

The five states with the highest percentage of registered voters were Kansas, 98; Ohio and Missouri, 95; Minnesota, 94; and Nebraska, 93.

Here is the percentage of registered voters in each state for 1950, as compiled from figures of the Census Bureau, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the Republican National Committee: Alabama, 40; Arizona, 63; Ar-

kansas, 47; California, 73; Colorado, 71.

Connecticut, 77; Delaware, 85; Florida, 59; Georgia, 65; Idaho, 74; Illinois, 87; Indiana, 87; Iowa, 88; Kansas, 98; Kentucky, 72.

Louisiana, 58; Maine, 69; Maryland, 57; Massachusetts, 77; Michigan, 88.

Minnesota, 94; Mississippi, 60; Missouri, 95; Montana, 73; Nebraska, 93.

Nevada, 79; New Hampshire, 89; New Jersey, 71; New Mexico, 66; New York, 62.

North Carolina, 69; North Dakota, 82; Ohio, 95; Oklahoma, 72; Oregon, 71.

Pennsylvania, 70; Rhode Island, 70; South Carolina, 48; South Dakota, 72; Tennessee, 56.

Texas, 35; Utah, 77; Vermont, 76; Virginia, 33; Washington, 81; West Virginia, 92; Wisconsin, 85; Wyoming, 84.

WSB OK's 2 More Paid Holidays

The Regional Wage Board has authorized the Peninsula Lumbermen's Club of Redwood City, and Local 42, of the AFL Millmen's Union, of San Francisco, to write two additional paid holidays into their agreement, Washington's Birthday and Admission Day. The decision brought the annual total to eight and involved 100 workers. However, in computing future cost-of-living increases, the employers and the union must charge the cost of the eighth holiday—\$.0082 cents—against the amount allowed under General Wage Regulation 8.

Price Index Drop Cuts Chicago Transit Scale

Chicago (LPA)—A drop in the Consumer Price Index brought a 2c pay cut in April for 18,000 employees of the Chicago Transit Authority. Members of the AFL Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, they received 4c in cost-of-living pay increases during the past year and 10c in automatic raises outside the escalator provisions. Another such 4c boost is due June 1. Men who

work on two-man street cars get \$1.76 an hour, while those who operate vehicles alone receive 10c more. Their scale is reported the highest in the world for transportation workers.

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Hospitalization for Aged Possible Under New Bill

By PAUL S. GREEN

Before Congress is a bill for free hospitalization up to 60 days a year for persons over 65 years old and widows with dependent children.

The legislation was introduced jointly by Senators James Murray (D., Mont.) and Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Representative John Dingell (D., Mich.), all of whom are experts in the problems of health insurance.

The sponsors explained their proposal this way: "Its passage will mean that whenever a physician, freely chosen by a Social Security beneficiary, believes the beneficiary needs to go to a hospital, he will be able to go to a hospital of his choice, secure in the knowledge that his bill will be paid in full for a total of as much as 60 days a year; paid not from charity, but from Social Security funds to which he himself has contributed during his working years."

NATIONAL PROGRAM NEEDED

The bill is not intended as a

substitute for a comprehensive national health insurance program, which is still badly needed. It is designed as an immediate aid to those who need this care most, and yet are least able to afford it.

The bill is now in the Senate Finance Committee, where it is expected to get rough handling, especially from Senator Robert Taft (R., Ohio), who usually follows the wishes of the American Medical Assn., which is opposed to this plan.

Observers see little chance for passage this year, since Congress is in a rush to adjourn by summer. But they hope pressure from the grass roots will put the bill near the top of the Congressional calendar next year.

The proposal would affect seven million persons eligible for Social Security benefits, and would cost an estimated \$200 million a year. But it would not call for any new taxes, nor for any increased Social Security contributions. Funds would come from the Social Security surplus.

WOULD AID OTHERS

Sponsors emphasized the plan would aid not only the individuals concerned but also other groups. It would help states and local communities and local private hospitals by removing the burden of charity care. It would stimulate the spread of voluntary, non-profit health insurance plans which do not cover older people, or greatly limit their benefits.

Provisions of the bill have been under careful study since last June, when the idea was made public by Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, with the approval of President Truman. Experts from FSA and congressional committees have drawn it up to meet all possible objections.

Senator Murray told the Senate that persons over 65 have average hospital costs of about \$225. "With an average this high, and with some cases costing several times as much," he said, "a hospitalized illness can mean financial disaster for people living on insurance benefits."

Whiskey Farmers Use Strikebreakers

(State Fed. Release)

The Schenley Corporation was accused today of observing Good Friday by attempting to recruit scabs to work its Delano Ranch in a statement issued by William Becker, national representative of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL.

Becker declared the Schenley activity was particularly bad because the company had not informed the recruits that they were expected to work where there was a strike in existence.

When the recruits learned what the situation was, the overwhelming majority of them went home in support of the striking Schenley employees, said Becker.

Meanwhile, wives of the striking Schenley employees joined the picket lines early this week in support of their men-folk with the slogan "we want our husbands to be free men."

Just a School, Firm Claims But Unionists Change Its Stand

Oakland, Calif. (LPA) — When the C & C Candy Corp. was cited by AFL Food Clerks for failing to bargain, Central Labor Council's executive committee paid a visit to the company's head. He maintained the firm was carrying on educational enterprise. Some of the techniques were so intricate that girls paid up to \$25 tuition fees.

In what might be termed the Ph. D. department, where the candy was wrapped and sold to customers, it was found the girls got \$6 a day but returned \$5 for tuition, retaining the dollar change—except for social security deductions, etc.

But instead of turning the matter over to council's education committee, it was decided that a special committee of learned trade unionists should deal with it "according to the philosophical traditions prevailing in the university known as the Labor Temple."

Result was that, as Food Clerks Secretary-Treasurer Harris Wilkin reported, "C & C Candy won a diploma"—it agreed to hire only union help.

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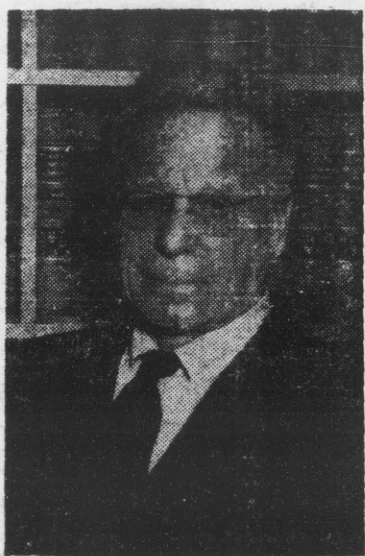
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Schooling and training in intricate field of law is all important for a Municipal Judge.



Primary Election Tuesday, June 3rd! YOU VOTE!

What to Do About It

By I. B. PADWAY

Last week President Truman appeared before the nation on television. He read the record in relation to the steel industry. In all the history of the American political scene no president has presented so forceful an argument as did the President on this night. Even those newspapers which print everything adverse to President Truman reluctantly admitted that the President's speech in relation to the wage stabilization formula for raises of those people employed in the steel industry was ably delivered and factual in content. His remarks that evening were so potent that industry, with its back to the wall, suddenly confronted with the truth, made a lukewarm effort to reply to the President's message to the nation.

When I say that industry's reply was lukewarm, I am giving the benefit of a doubt that existed in my mind as to whether they had by one single sentence refuted the charges that were leveled against them by President Truman. The prize answer was industry's statement that those people employed in the steel industry were enjoying such fine wages and compared the wages of the men who stood before the furnace with our boys in Korea and the wages they were receiving.

The comparison between the wages earned by the GI in Korea and the wages earned by the steel worker bordered on the ridiculous for, while they were at it why did they not compare the enormous dividends that the steel industry has paid its stockholders ever since the time that the Democratic Party in this country went into power? Would they have the workman sacrifice his earnings so that industry could make bigger and larger profits?

Though this writer does not believe that the GI is being paid sufficiently, yet nevertheless, removing the risk attendant to being in the armed forces, if clothing, food, and lodging were to be taken into consideration the average earnings of a person working in a steel mill almost parallels and equals that of a GI.

It took a great deal of intestinal fortitude on the part of the President of the United States to deliver the ultimatum to Steel. That they cannot treat their employees as peons and slaves, but must give to them the sufficient wherewithal so that they can live like decent citizens of this great democracy. Lately, it has gotten to be a habit of industry to offer four or five or even six cents an hour and to say that that is all that can be given, that is all that industry can stand. This is a false premise and should not be accepted by labor, for to do so would mean that organized labor has begun to regress rather than progress.

At least this Steel has forgotten: that the GI listens to the command of his Government and responds thereto. What did Steel do?? They immediately went into court and, after getting one good boot in the pants from one court, were still not satisfied but had to go into another and get slapped on the other cheek.

Mr. "Little Man" of the United States, who has a large family to support at high prices and living costs on the little wages that he receives, can thank God that there sat in the White House a Truman who thought of him.

There are a lot of weak-brained and absentminded individuals who work for the employer and receive a handout for their toil and labor who try to emulate their

bosses and think that this country needs a change. Yes, who now feel that being a Democrat is a stigma that they will not be able to erase. They will be the first ones to howl when they get the pressure and squeeze put on them by the Tafts and others of his ilk. It almost pays to give them a dose of this medicine so that at least some scintilla of common sense can be pounded into the vacuum where a brain is supposed to be lodged. The finest example of this was in the State of Ohio where many labor leaders came out openly for Taft and re-elected him as a senator.

There is such a thing as becoming so self-satisfied that a person becomes loggy and inert. He shuts his eyes and drifts into a dream paradise. Let them keep on voting for their Tafts, their McCarthys, their Knowlands, Nixons and all the rest of their ilk and you will see the greatest catastrophe that ever happened to the laboring man enacted in this country of ours.

10 Big Firms Get As Much as 263 Smaller In Tax Write-Offs

Washington (LPA)—The Defense Production Administration has handed out tax benefits on \$590,306,000 more of industrial expansion, for a total to date of \$16,179,006,000. Ten big firms got \$299,969,453 and 263 smaller ones together got \$300,336,547.

Under the benefits the firms can write off (amortize) the cost in five years instead of the usual 20 to 25, thus saving themselves big chunks of federal taxes.

For nitrogen production, Allied Chemical & Dye, Syracuse, N. Y., got tax benefits on \$24,600,000; Deere & Co., Gulfport, Miss., \$18,500,000; Richardson Gasoline Co., Pointe-A-la-Hache, La., \$19,000,000; W. R. Grace, New Orleans, \$15,466,000.

For steel production, Central Iron & Steel at Phoenixville, Pa., got \$29,000,000, at Harrisburg \$21,950,000.

For pig iron, Lone Star Steel at McAlester, Okla., got \$50,650,200, and Yolo Steel and Metal at Sacramento got \$44,405,000.

Platte Pipeline Co., for pipeline transport at Independence, Kan., got \$59,000,000. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul got \$17,398,253 for railroad equipment.

'Free Merchandise' Must Mean Just That, U.S. Court Decides

Washington (LPA)—If a firm, in advertising or selling merchandise, describes something as "free," that's how it must be, without any strings, Modern Manner Clothes of New York has found out—the hard way.

The Federal Trade Commission ordered the firm to stop using the word "free" or any other word having the same import or meaning, in reference to any merchandise "which is not in truth a gift or gratuity or is not given without requiring the performance of some service inuring directly or indirectly to the benefit" of the firm.

Modern Manner Clothes appealed, and the U. S. Court of Appeals affirmed the FTC ruling. So the firm went to the Supreme Court for a review. The Supreme Court turned it down.

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Price of Food in Another Increase

Washington, D. C.—Retail food prices moved up an estimated 0.3 per cent between March 15 and March 31, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. Chiefly responsible for the small rise were higher average prices for fresh fruits and vegetables and eggs.

The Bureau estimates the Retail Food Price Index to be 228.5 (1935-39=100). This is 0.7 per cent above a month ago, and 12.5 per cent above June 15, 1950 (pre-Korea).

The largest rise during the latter half of March was for fresh fruits and vegetables (2.8 per cent). In this group, increases of 11 per cent for apples, 8 per cent for oranges, sweetpotatoes, and tomatoes, 2 per cent for potatoes and onions, and 1 per cent for cabbage more than offset declines of 8 per cent for carrots, 7 per cent for green beans, 3 per cent for lettuce, and 1 per cent for bananas. Frozen fruits and vegetables moved down 1.2 per cent, while canned and dried items were practically unchanged.

Egg prices rose 2.6 per cent over the latter half of March. Sugar prices increased about 1 per cent, and beverages and cereals and bakery products showed almost no change.

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We are waiting for a report from our small negotiating committee for the canneries and frozen food industry.

Are you a registered voter?

Registrations are closed for the coming primaries but you may register to vote at any time at your union office in Monterey or Salinas and be eligible for the November elections. The elections this year may mean a turning point for labor in many ways so be sure to vote.

Don't forget your dues must be paid by the 15th of every month to avoid paying penalties. All dues not paid by the 15th of the month, a 50 cents penalty is added. All dues not paid by the first of the following month, a \$1.00 penalty is added. Why don't you pay your dues quarterly so that you may remain in good standing and avoid penalties.

The following members have benefitted from the welfare plan during the month of April: John V. Simas, Jr., Truman Tollefson,

Pierre Richlin, William Temple, Jack Ireland, Vernon Tomasini and John Weires.

NEW BITS . . .

Edward Cain, an employee of Langendorf Bakeries, is convalescing after a serious operation.

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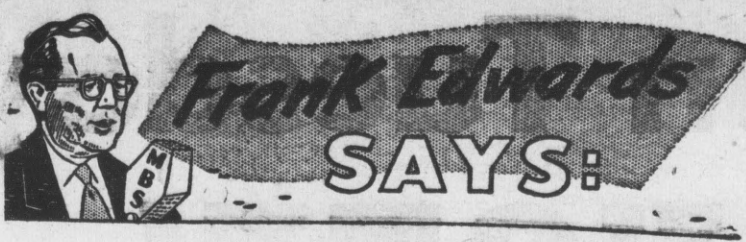
All boys between the ages of 8 and 12 should appear for tryouts at the City Softball park on the Rodeo Grounds or at Closter Park in Alisal. Tryouts are at 3:00 p.m. every Saturday. Those not selected for a uniformed team will be given an opportunity to play on "Farm Teams" where they can have fun, develop skill and work up to replace uniformed players who may move away, quit, etc.

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'Lobby for Raise,' N.Y. Workers Urged

New York (LPA)—City employees here have been urged to put pressure on their councilmen to keep their pay raise from being dropped from the 1952-53 budget.

Martin T. Lacey, president of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council, said in a radio talk April 8th: "Many are speaking against you; very few are on your side. . . . Be a pressure group."



Washington, D. C.

• Ox Carts and Jets . . .

Economy-minded Senators are as unpredictable as a baby playing with a razor. During the passage of a Senate bill to check on government spending one Senator said that Congress appropriates billions of dollars "in an ox-cart manner for a jet engine age." Still worse from the public's standpoint is the way in which Congress chops appropriations with an enthusiasm borne of an utter disregard for the rights of the wage earners.

• How Greedy Can They Get?

Have the private power companies pocketed the tax reductions that should have gone to Oregon consumers? Last October a federal excise tax of 3.3 percent on electric bills was repealed. But Oregon utilities are still collecting at last year's rate . . . Including the tax!

• Monkeys and People . . .

Scientists at a midwestern college spent \$6,000 to find out whether monkeys are intelligent. They solemnly reported that monkeys were relatively stupid. This may be true, but whoever heard of monkeys spending \$6,000 for a stunt like that?

• An Answer Requested:

A motion filed in a Washington court would require Republican Senator Joe McCarthy to explain his financial operations between 1946 and 1949. The action alleges that on the basis of his tax returns and other sources, he appears to have taken in \$66,000 during those years, but he claimed to have lost most of it in the stock market. Apparently he managed to live well and to conduct an active Senatorial campaign on an income of minus \$2,900.

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JOKES, Etc.

A doctor says that the idea of school work scares children. And the idea of home work has the same effect on parents.

As the girdle said to the hat, "you go on ahead and I'll bring up the rear."

On a warm pleasant Saturday afternoon a salesman rapped at the screen door of a home and noticed that just inside there was a small boy painfully practicing his music lesson on the piano.

"Sonny," he inquired, "is your mother at home?"

The boy scowled at the salesman and said:

"What do you think, mister?"

A mother was telling her six-year-old son about the golden rule. "Always remember," she said, "that we are here to help others."

The youngster mulled this over for a minute and then asked:

"Well, what are the others here for?"

"Daddy," sobbed little Jessica as she ran crying into her father's arms. "Mommy just drowned one

of my kittens."

"That's too bad," the father said, patting her head. "But maybe Mommy had to do it."

"No, she didn't," little Jessica sobbed. "She promised me I could."

A flea and a fly in a flue, Were imprisoned, so what could they do? Said the fly, "let us flee," "Let us fly," said the flea, And they flew through a flaw in the flue.

Brown: "I had plenty to say in the house today."

Jones: "What, the House of Representatives?"

Brown: "No, my own house. The wife was out!"

A vivacious young Texan shocked her Boston-bred beau by drawing on her gloves as they started down the street on their first date.

"Where I come from," chided the young man, "people would as soon see a woman put on her stockings in public as her gloves."

"Where I come from," retorted the young lad, "they'd rather."

The shoemaker was explaining to a complaining customer the reason for the poor quality of his half-soles. "All the good leather," he said, "is going into steaks."

Anyone who thinks he is indispensable should stick his finger in a bowl of water and then notice the hole it leaves when he takes it out.

Liz Fitzroy didn't say she didn't like her new neighbor, she just said the only polish she had was on her fingernails.

A salesman was dismissed because of a lack of courtesy to customers. A month later the sales manager spotted him walking about in a police uniform.

"I see you've joined the force, Jones," said the sales manager.

"Yes," replied Jones. "This is the job I've been looking for all my life. On this job the customer is always wrong."

"What's the matter up at Tom's house?"

"They're taking 'im away in the ambulance for 'beatin' 'is missus."

Mr. B.: "Pete Smith sure is on the way to being a pauper."

Mrs. B.: "Why how nice, dear. Does he want a boy or a girl?"

State Federation Condemns "Calif. Legis. Conference"

(State Fed. Release)

The California Legislative Conference was this week branded as "dual and hostile to the best principles and policies of the American Federation of Labor" in a communication addressed to all AFL bodies in California by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor.

Reminding that the 1949 convention of the Federation had officially condemned the organization, Haggerty reported that the Federation's Executive Council had reaffirmed AFL opposition at its recent meeting held in San Francisco on April 5.

The Executive Council action was taken in response to a recent solicitation of AFL unions by the conference.

In an official statement issued to AFL bodies early in 1949, the State Federation of Labor warned that "communists and fellow-travelers are taking an active part in the conference and now control it, so that it can be used as an effective weapon for the communist party program."

Editor Dies at 58 San Diego Labor

(State Fed. Release)

Wells P. Toft, for nearly 10 years editor of The San Diego Labor Leader, and one of the best known newsmen in the labor field, was buried last week following death by a heart seizure.

The AFL editor was believed recovering from a heart ailment that hospitalized him three months ago, and had begun a slow come-back to the work he loved.

Toft was 58 years old, a combat infantry veteran of World War I, the father of two sons who saw action in World War II. Born in Kansas, he had lived in California 30 years, and had been associated with the printing industry most of his adult life.

Mayor John D. Butler of San Diego and other officials of city and county government headed the list of honorary pallbearers. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren.

In a wire to the bereaved family, C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the state AFL, expressed the sorrow of the state labor movement on the death of the valiant editor.

Toft's pictorial history of the AFL in California has been widely sought by public and private libraries. It was prepared for the Labor Leader souvenir edition of 1951 in observance of the 50th anniversary convention of the California State Federation of Labor held in San Diego.

Judges Own Steel

In Washington, D. C., the steel industry's legal effort to set aside President Truman's seizure order almost never came to trial. Attorneys discovered that the judges were all stockholders in various steel companies. One judge owned 25 shares of Bethlehem Steel and another owned 30 shares in Sharon Steel. It was understood, however, that if the case had gone to jury trial, no union member would have been permitted to serve on the jury.

Truman to Teach?

In Philadelphia, Radio Commentator William Hillman, who wrote the best-selling book, "Mr. President," revealed that President Truman plans to teach American history after he leaves the White House. If he enters such a career it would give Truman his third union card—in the Teachers Union—to add to his membership in the CIO Newspaper Guild and AFL Musicians.

SAILORS' ART

New York (LPA)—The Seafarers International Union is holding its first art contest, with three prizes each offered in the following classes: oils, drawings, water colors, and miscellaneous.

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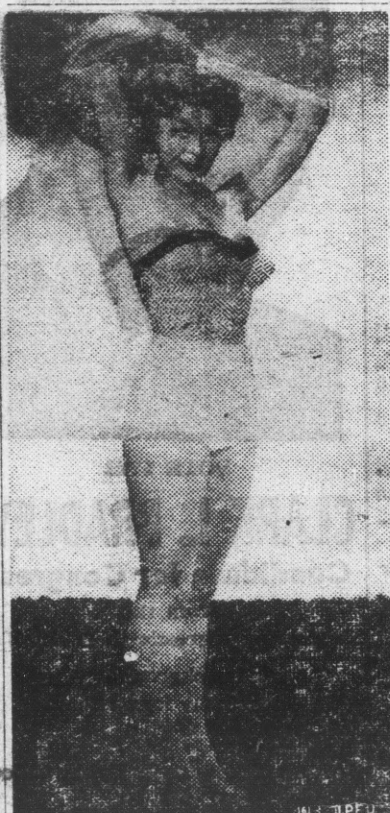
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SPRING TONIC — Eliz. Root, CBS actress, reminds us it will soon be time for heat togs and games. (LPA)

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If your answer is "yes," and you mean it, then we will continue along the road of achievement.

If your answer is "no," then you assume the responsibility for lower wages, longer hours, reduction in social security and old age assistance; in other words, turn the clock back. The decision is yours to make. Never mind the other fellow; get right with your own conscience.

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T-H Is a Dud On Ouster of Red Unionists

By PAUL S. GREEN
(AFL Release)

The Taft-Hartley Act has failed in its avowed objective of getting rid of the few communists in American labor unions, and it is impossible to enforce the act's criminal provisions against communist union officials.

This was the consensus of testimony by top government spokesmen before a labor subcommittee under Sen. Herbert Humphrey (D., Minn.) investigating the problem. **PURPOSE MISSED**

The witnesses were referring to Section 9 (h) of the Taft-Hartley Act, which provides that unions whose officers have not filed non-communist affidavits may not use the facilities of the National Labor Relations Board. Purpose of the provision was to break communist control of unions.

George J. Bott, general counsel of the NLRB, told the group: "It seems to me that unless Section 9 (h) is amended or changed, or

WSB Turns Down Valley Vacation Plan

The Regional Wage Stabilization Board has announced denial of a vacation pay proposal of the San Joaquin Cotton Oil Co., of Los Angeles, and Local 97, AFL Chemical Workers, of Fresno.

The decision, labor members dissenting, was voted after the proposal was found to be out of line with industry and area wage practices.

The proposal, contained in a joint company-union petition, requested approval of a reduction in the number of hours worked per year from 1,400 hours to 1,200 hours for "entitlement" to vacation pay.

The tri-partite body earlier had unanimously approved other wage adjustments requested by the company and the union, including a 5c hourly wage increase and certain fringe pay benefits.

San Joaquin Cotton Oil Co., a division of Anderson Clayton and Co., operates 63 cotton gins in the Bakersfield-Chowchilla area of the San Joaquin Valley.

has some prosecutions under it, you might as well take it out of the statute."

He was preceded by Andrew Oehmann, of the Justice Department criminal division, who disclosed there has been only one indictment in almost five years since the act has been in effect.

"It is virtually impossible to develop cases for successful prosecution under the section as now drawn," he said.

REDS EVADE ACT

Sen. Humphrey, in opening the hearings, declared, "The experience of the Taft-Hartley noncommunist affidavit ought to demonstrate that no pat answer, like getting somebody to swear he isn't a communist, has much to offer. We have the affidavit, and yet we still have certain communist-dominated unions."

Communists discovered they could evade the act by resigning from the communist party in order to sign the affidavit. In that way, they comply with the law, even though they continue to follow the communist party line.

Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin recommended that those people should be reached by making it flatly illegal for communists to hold union office. In another recommendation pointing to the inadequacies of the present law, he suggested tightening up amendments to treat communist-dominated unions in the same way as company unions.

Other methods used by communists to evade the act, according to NLRB Chairman Paul M. Herzog, are "by fronting through individuals and complying organizations, or by eliminating constitutional offices and shifting officers."

Herzog stated that though the section is ineffective, it should not be abolished until something better is worked out.

UNIONS PRAISED

All witnesses agreed with Herzog that "the leading labor organizations of the U. S. have done a vigorous job in cleaning house themselves in recent years."

This was echoed by Sen. Humphrey. He said: "The American people owe the unions a great debt for the forthright action they have

taken to clean out the communists."

Secretary Tobin emphasized his certainty that "there is no doubt of the loyalty and patriotism of the vast majority of union members, including most members of those unions which are communist-dominated."

Witnesses mentioned specifically two unions, the United Electrical Radio Machine Workers and the United Federal Workers of America, both of which have been expelled from the CIO.

The hearings are scheduled to resume soon, with witnesses representing labor and management, and experts in the labor field.

Labor Wins Praise With Offer to Build Youth Center Free

Beaumont, Tex. (LPA)—Organized labor made big headlines in newspapers here with the offer by members of building and construction trades unions to furnish free labor for construction of a youth center in Central Park. The AFL workers challenged business men to furnish the materials and prospects were that the project would get under way speedily.

Heads of the Building and Construction Trades Council told the city administration its members would work evenings and Saturdays without charge to get the job done as quickly as materials were available. A front-page column by the editor of the Beaumont Journal was headed "A Salute to AFL Workers" and praised the offer as "one of the finest" and in "the true community spirit." The project also was starred in a salute to "worthy Texans" by a state-wide 16-station broadcast.

An analysis of 15,201 cases of cancer drawn from Greater London and the surrounding countryside shows that general and dock laborers head the list of occupations which show "a significant excess" of the disease among male cancer patients.

Labor News

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1952

SF Building Trades Backs Carp. Strike

Fulllest possible support and complete endorsement of all principles involved in the current Bay Area Carpenters strike, were unanimously voted by the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council at its regular meeting of Thursday evening, April 17.

The council voted all-out support to the Carpenters, Pile Drivers, and Laborers in their fight to secure a welfare plan for their members and ordered communications sent to other San Francisco labor bodies indicating the action taken, requesting support, and also recognizing many pledges of support already given.

Following is the text of a resolution adopted by the Building Trades Council in support of the current drive for health and welfare plans:

"Whereas: Many of the sub-contractors' associations in the Building Industry, as well as major industries, have recognized the need for health and welfare plans, to the end that such plans have been set up by and between the contractors' associations, industries and local unions, and

"Whereas: The need for health and welfare plans is of paramount importance to all workers and the instituting of such plans between management and labor helps to reduce the tax rate of the various counties, as well as reduce the need for people to be confined in county hospitals and other public institutions,

"Therefore Be It Resolved: That the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council go on record favoring health and welfare plans for all its affiliated local unions, and will give full support both morally and financially to assist in bringing about health and welfare plans,

"And Be It Further Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to all Building Trades Councils in the Bay Area, Labor Councils, and the press."

PLASTER TENDER PACT MEET HELD

Officials of laborer unions in Salinas, Monterey and Santa Cruz met with representatives of the Master Plasterers Assn. in Castroville last week to discuss an area-wide agreement for plaster tenders (hodcarriers).

Union officials present included Paul Burnett, of Santa Cruz Local 283; George ("Lefty") Jenkins, of Monterey Local 690, and Wray D. ("Bill") Empe, of Salinas Local 272. Good progress was reported in the contract discussions.

Butler's Softball Club Plays Wednesday

The Houston Fertilizer Co. softball team, managed by Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 827, will play a practice game with the Don Castro ten at Castroville at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Butler said that all managers and sponsors of teams for the Salinas Recreation League will meet this week to set up the divisions for the league, which opens official play May 5.

Male drivers were involved in 90 per cent of all U.S. auto accidents occurring in 1951.

Earle Meyer, Apprentice Leader, Dies

Earle H. Meyer, field supervisor for the State Division of Apprenticeship Training, died at his home in Robles Del Rio (near Monterey) on April 16 following a heart attack suffered a week earlier.

Mr. Meyer, widely known in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties and elsewhere in Northern California as a leader in apprenticeship training, had been confined to his home since the attack but was believed recovering. Fire department resuscitator squads were unable to revive him.

He was a native of Neenah, Wis., 57 years of age and a veteran of World War I. He had moved to Carmel in 1946 when he accepted the apprentice post for that area. Before that he had lived in San Francisco.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lorraine G. Meyer; two daughters, a son in the U. S. Navy, and two sons by a former marriage; his mother and a sister. Funeral services were held last Saturday with many union officials and apprentices among those attending.

Labor Lawyers

In Ithaca, N. Y., labor lawyers, viewed a few years ago as the "black sheep" of the legal profession by highly-paid company attorneys, are now reaping their revenge. A report by the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations showed that while the median income for all lawyers in the U. S. in 1948 was \$6,336, that of labor attorneys was almost double—\$12,500. Lawyers who looked down their noses at trade union legal practice were shocked when they read that "ten per cent of all labor lawyers earned more than \$20,000 per year, whereas the percentage of all lawyers in the country who exceeded \$20,000 was approximately five per cent. The percentage of labor union attorneys who earned less than \$5,000 per year was only four per cent, while forty-two per cent of all U. S. lawyers earned less than \$5,000 a year."

An AFL-CIO comparison showed: "The median income of the AFL lawyer is approximately \$13,000 while the CIO attorney has a median income of \$1,000, and the independent union lawyer \$12,000. Sixteen per cent of the AFL lawyers earned \$20,000 or more per year, but only ten per cent of the CIO lawyers were in this category. Thirty per cent of the independent unions' lawyers earned \$20,000 or more per year."



In Union Circles

Lillian Johnson, office manager for Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, was confined to her home last weekend with an illness. Friends said nature of the illness was not reported.

Wayne Ketchum will represent the Salinas Optimist Club in the oratorical contest at Gilroy on Friday, according to Jimmie Butler, Optimists' boys work chairman.

Butler, who is active in civic organizations as well as being secretary of Salinas Barbers Union 827, announced that Cecil M. Anderson Post 589, American Legion, invites all union members who are war veterans to Thursday night's meeting at the air base. Plans for the post's stag party May 3 will be discussed at the meeting.

Royal E. Hallmark, secretary-manager of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, was in Fresno last Saturday for the dinner party tendered C. T. McDonough, international representative for the crafts, in celebration of his selection as international vice president.

Taxes Up 45%, Standard Oil of N.J. Profits Up 30%

New York (LPA)—Standard Oil of New Jersey, the world's largest petroleum combine, earned more money in 1951 than any other corporation in the world, outdistancing even giant General Motors.

Its gross income went up 21%, from \$3,198,266,574 to \$3,863,317,039, but its net income (profits after all deductions, including taxes) went up almost 30%, from \$408,223,000 to \$528,461,000.

Its taxes went up 45%, from \$276,000,000 in 1950 to \$400,700,000 in 1951, but net profits were still almost 30% above 1950. Whereas in 1950 its net profit was 12.75% of total sales, in 1951 the net profit went up to 13.68% of total sales.

Imperial Oil, Ltd., of Canada, one of the hundreds of Standard Oil subsidiaries the world over, reported an increase in net profits of about 16%, with \$35,951,153 in 1951 against \$30,460,567 in 1950.

The oil industry, nevertheless, has rejected the proposal of the unions for a wage increase, and a strike was averted only when the dispute was certified to the Wage Stabilization Board.

That other industries are doing well, despite the cries that heavy federal taxes are ruining them, is shown by the report of Bell Aircraft of a 31% increase in net profits in 1951 over 1950. Bell has one of the highest wage scales in the aircraft industry. Philadelphia Electric reported revenues this year running 6% ahead of 1951. The New York, New Haven & Hartford reports net profits for the first quarter of 1952 about \$1 million higher than in the first quarter of 1951.

UNION HELPS HOSPITAL

Menominee, Mich. (LPA)—The United Auto Workers here gave \$200 to start a drive for \$2,700 to buy an iron lung for St. Joseph-Lloyd Hospital.

Sportsmen's News

Sportsman Dates

The California Dept. of Fish and Game reminds sportsmen of the following general regulations that apply to current hunting and fishing:

Jackrabbits.—Closed in southern California districts 4, 4%, 4%, 19, 20 and 22. No closed season elsewhere. No bag limit.

Trout.—No closed season in Colorado River area only. Bag and possession limit: 10 trout.

Catfish.—No closed season. Bag limit: 15 fish. Night fishing permitted in Siskiyou, Shasta, Lake, Modoc, Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter and Inyo counties, and in Pit River, Lassen County.

Black Bass, Sunfish, Crappie, Sacramento Perch.—Season opens May 3 in all counties north of Mono, Fresno, San Benito, Santa Clara, Madera and Santa Cruz counties. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limits: 5 black bass, 25 sunfish, crappie, perch. Local exceptions.

Striped Bass.—No closed season. Bag limit: 5 fish or 25 pounds and 1 fish, or 2 fish regardless of weight. Minimum size limit: 12 inches.

Shad.—No closed season. Angling hours: from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, or by hand dipnet at any time.

Ocean Fish.—No closed season in Pacific Ocean for tuna, yellowtail, marlin, broadbill swordfish, black sea bass, barracuda, white sea bass, bonito, rock bass, sand bass, kelp bass, halibut, corbina, croaker, lingcod, and cabezone. Bag limits: 15 in aggregate, but not more than 10 of any one of other species listed above, nor more than marlin, swordfish, or black sea bass.

Ocean Salmon.—Bag limits: 3 trout or salmon or combination in Pacific Ocean waters north of the Monterey-San Luis Obispo county line; 2 fish south of line. Minimum size limit: 22 inches (one undersized fish permitted).

Salt Water Eels.—No closed season. In District 3 (central coastal area), no more than 15 per day may be taken, and none under 12 inches.

Clams.—Season ends April 30 in Districts 8, 9, 17, 19. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limits: 10 Pismo, 30 razor, 10 big neck, 10 Washington; no limit on jack knife clams.

Cockles.—Season ends April 30 in all counties north of San Luis Obispo County. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limit: 50. Minimum limit: 1½ inches.

Salmon in Tahoe

More than a million kokanee salmon will be planted in Lake Tahoe during 1952 under a cooperative agreement between conservation agencies of California and Nevada.

The California Department of Fish and Game shipped 401,000 eggs to the Idlewild hatchery, near Reno, last month. Three California hatcheries are now holding kokanee eggs imported from Idaho and Washington.

Pigeon Strikebreakers

In Ventura, baseball fans became indignant over what they termed the "lowest form of strikebreaking" in California's history. The nationwide Western Union strike prevented a re-creation of an exhibition ball game over Radio Station KVEN, and the station owners cast around for some substitute for the Western Union wire. Finally in desperation a flock of strikebreakers were brought in—all of them carrier pigeons. The station arranged for a pigeon to be released at the end of each inning to carry reports back to Ventura from Fresno. Union ball fans declared it was a dirty trick to play on the poor pigeons, but felt better when the scheduled night game had to be moved up to 1 p.m. because the pigeons refused to fly at night.

Second only to speeding as an accident factor in 1951 was failure to respect the right-of-way.

Big Fish Plant

San Francisco.—A new record total of more than 265 tons of trout and salmon were planted in California lakes and streams during the last fiscal year, it is reported by Alan C. Taft, retiring chief of the Bureau of Fish Conservation, Department of Fish and Game.

The production of 24 state hatchery installations amounted to 17,751,000 fish, weighing 530,240 pounds, during the 1950-51 hatchery year. In the previous 12-month period, 18,792,000 trout and salmon, weighing 488,397 pounds, were planted.

Eighty-eight per cent of the annual plant was made up of catchable sized fish, which weighed 468,399 pounds. Fingerlings totaled 61,901 pounds.

Taft said the new record reflects the trend toward production of more catchable-sized trout in the six to nine-inch class. Fingerling fish will be used to stock naturally barren waters or where the native population has been destroyed, and in small and lightly fished lakes, he stated.

Fish in Bay Area Lakes

San Francisco.—When California's first trout angling season opens May 3, lakes and reservoirs in seven San Francisco Bay area counties will be richer by 376,535 catchable-sized trout.

That's the total pre-season plant made by the Department of Fish and Game, according to M. O. Talbot, assistant supervisor of fish hatcheries.

The six-to nine-inch rainbows were raised in state hatcheries at Elk Grove and East Side Reservoir, Napa.

Bay Counties crews of the Bureau of Fish Conservation made plants as follows:

San Francisco county: Lake Merced, 174,042.

Marin county: Alpine reservoir, 19,010; Bon Tempe reservoir, 17,005; Lagunitas reservoir, 10,010; Phoenix reservoir, 10,000.

Napa county: Hennesey (Conn.) Lake, 67,828; Milliken reservoir, 10,110; Rector reservoir, 12,930.

Solano county: Frey Lake, 8,010; Madigan Lake, 5,000.

Lake county: Pillsbury Lake, 10,050.

Santa Clara county: Stevens Creek reservoir, 17,510.

Monterey county: Los Padres reservoir, 15,000.

Animals on Strike

In New York State, where AFL and CIO strikers at various times have used dogs, horses and even goats to publicize a dispute, one large electrical manufacturer decided he'd put a stop to the practice. His first brilliant idea was to take out membership in the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and purchase memberships for 50 of his employees. But when he tried to force these workers to pressure the SPCA into arresting a picket who was followed by his dog, the entire scheme blew up in his face. Next he sent a circular letter to other electrical manufacturers proposing that they sprinkle their sidewalks with a patented "dog repellent" developed to keep animals away from trees and flowers. The other industrialists only laughed. Finally the animal-hating employer had a real brainstorm. He got hold of a member of the New York State Legislature, who happened also to be a stockholder in his company, and persuaded him to draw up a bill requiring all pickets to sign a statement saying that they were picketing of their own free will!

WALKING IS SAFER

Pedestrian deaths from automobiles have decreased 44 per cent in the last 12 years, but it's not enough. Motorists must be always alert to the danger of hitting the man on foot, and pedestrians must obey traffic signals and wait their turn to cross the street. Save a life by playing safe, whether you're in your car or on foot.

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